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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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TAGS:OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), SY

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

1. PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING TEXT  
OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT HAFIZ  
AL-ASAD:

BEGIN TEXT - DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU IN DAMASCUS  
AND TO DISCUSS FORTHRIGHTLY THE BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS THAT  
ARE OF CONCERN TO US BOTH.

I WAS ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED IN OUR TALKS TOGETHER WITH THE  
GREAT IMPORTANCE YOU ATTACH TO A UNIFIED ARAB POSITION.  
I AGREE WITH YOU COMPLETELY ON THIS. IT IS ONLY WITH UNITY  
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OF PURPOSE THAT THE MAJOR ARAB GOVERNMENTS COMMITTED TO A  
JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT CAN ACHIEVE THEIR AIMS. YOU  
CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE UNITED AND AFFIRMATIVE STANCE TOWARD  
PEACE THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE MAJOR ARAB STATES -- AND  
WHICH YOU PERSONALLY HAVE HELPED DEVELOP -- WILL CONTINUE  
TO RECEIVE OUR WARMEST ENCOURAGEMENT.

COMING AS IT DID AT THE END OF MY VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST,

YOUR EXPLANATIONS OF SYRIA'S POSITION ON THE VARIOUS  
ISSUES RELATING TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE HELPED PUT ALL  
THE IMPRESSIONS I HAD PREVIOUSLY GAINED INTO A SHARPER  
PERSPECTIVE. I DEEPLY RESPECT THE CANDOR AND FREEDOM WITH  
WHICH YOU SHARED YOUR VIEWS WITH ME.

PRESIDENT CARTER IS AS DELIGHTED AS I AM THAT THERE WILL  
BE AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE FOR THE  
TWO OF YOU TO MEET. IN LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING THIS  
MEETING, I WILL CONTINUE TO RECALL HOW VERY WARMLY AND  
GRACIOUSLY YOU EXTENDED THE JUSTLY FAMOUS HOSPITALITY OF  
YOUR PEOPLE TO ME AND MY PARTY ON OUR VISIT TO YOUR LOVELY  
COUNTRY. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE - END TEXT.

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL COMING BY POUCH.  
VANCE

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